

# Matisse Cut-and-Paste

## Description:

Children will look at the art of Matisse and apply his techniques to their own paintings.

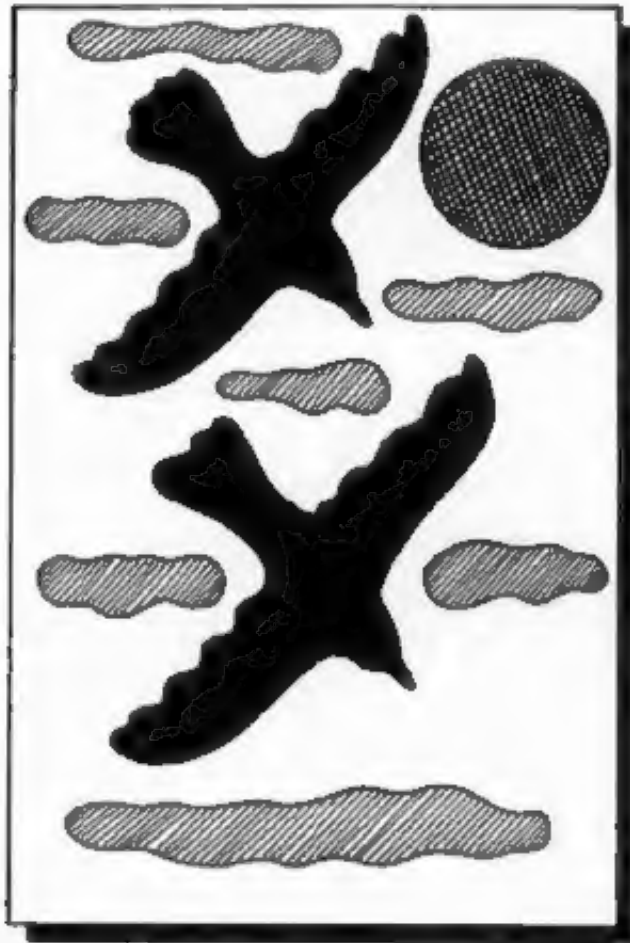
## Materials:

paper, paint, paintbrushes, water and containers, safety scissors, glue

**Standards:** 1 and 5

**Concepts:** Color and shape

**Level:** K-3



## Procedure:

After showing your child Matisse's cut-paper art, point out the artist's use of bright, bold colors. Matisse created these cut-paper collages when he was no longer able to stand or sit in front of his easel for hours at a time. He painted large pieces of paper in solid colors, cut out various shapes, and glued them onto collages up to six feet tall! Your child will create collages in the style of Matisse by painting a few sheets of paper with pure colors (e.g., red, yellow, blue, green), cutting out interesting shapes, and gluing the shapes on a large sheet of paper.

## Artist Tie-in:

Henri Matisse (1869–1954), the principal artist of a group known as the Fauves, used bold, unconventional colors in his art. Matisse's work *Icarus* can be seen in *JumpStart Artist*.

## Just for Kids:

Look at paintings by Henri Matisse. Notice how bright and colorful they are. Matisse's style is known as Fauvism, an art movement that began in the late 1800s. The Fauves applied bright, pure colors to the canvas directly from the paint tube. When Matisse grew older and was no longer able to stand for hours at a time in front of his easel, he began to create cut-paper collages. He painted large pieces of paper in solid colors, cut the paper into various shapes, and glued the shapes on a large piece of paper to form a collage.

## Resources:

### Web:

[www.art.com](http://www.art.com)

[www.artchive.com/artchive/M/matisse.html](http://www.artchive.com/artchive/M/matisse.html)

### Book:

*Henri Matisse* by Mike Venezia